

Six Hour Stax/Volt Marathon from Memphis this Saturday

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This Saturday, April 27th, the Hartford radio station WRTC FM will present *Soulsville 2013*, a six-hour tribute to the great recordings and musicians of the Stax/Volt label broadcast live from the Stax Museum of American Soul in Memphis, Tennessee, which is the site of the original Stax studio, and is celebrating its 10th anniversary.

The show will run from noon to 6 pm, and is hosted by Chris Cowles, regular host of WRTC's *Greasy Tracks*, along with co-host Tom Shaker, who also does a soul show, *Soul Serenade* on WICN, in Worcester Massachusetts. WRTC is Hartford's only true alternative radio station based at Trinity College, and can be heard on the air at 89.3 FM. The show will also be broadcast online at: <http://www.wrtcfm.com>.

This is the fourth year the show has been broadcast live from Memphis. In the past many of the musicians who recorded on Stax as well as others associated with the label have dropped by during the broadcast. Previous guests have included such legends as Steve Cropper, William Bell, Wayne Jackson and more. There is every reason to believe there will several guests this time. This year's show will honor Albert King who was just inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame as well as spotlight the recent release, *The Deepest Soul of Otis Redding*. The show will also delve into the history of Stax and Memphis Soul.

Greasy Tracks is the longest running soul music show in Connecticut and has been on the air since 1995, and usually airs on Saturdays from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. Chris Cowles and Tom Shaker have a combined 60 years of radio experience. If the music isn't enough to entice you to check it out, there will be CD giveaways throughout the show courtesy of the Concord Music Group.